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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Ms. Jocelyn Boyd, Chief Clerk/Administrator
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
Synergy Business Park, Saluda Building
101 Executive Center Drive
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**Re: Duke Energy Progress, LLC
Update to Darlington Unit 9 Retirement Date
Docket No. 2016-8-E**

Dear Ms. Boyd:

I write to notify the Commission and all parties of the updated retirement date for the following combustion turbine ("CT") generating unit in connection with the 2016 Duke Energy Progress, LLC ("DEP") Integrated Resource Plan ("IRP"):

| DEP Unit | Capacity | Old Retirement Date | New Retirement Date |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Darlington CT Unit 9 | 65 MW (winter rating) | January 2020 | June 30, 2017 |

The Darlington CT Unit 9 has served DEP customers well over its useful life but, based upon condition and economic evaluations, the Company determined that this unit will no longer provide economic and reliable commercial service to customers, and the unit was retired effective June 30, 2017.

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Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Heather Shirley Smith". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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**BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 2016-8-E**

In the Matter of:)

Duke Energy Progress, LLC's)
Integrated Resource Plan (IRP))

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that I, Toni C. Hawkins, a paralegal with the law firm of Sowell, Gray, Robinson, Stepp & Laffitte, LLC, have this day caused to be served upon the person(s) named below the **attached letterdated July 7, 2017 on behalf of Duke Energy Progress, LLC** in the foregoing matter by placing a copy of same in the U.S. Mail addressed as follows:

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